

**VOTER ID PROBLEMS - LILIANA ESCALANTE - LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA** - judge has scheduled a hearing for Tuesday to reconsider the controversial voter identification law enacted in Pennsylvania, a political swing state where voter turnout will be important to the tight U.S. presidential race in November. Commonwealth Court Judge Robert Simpson scheduled next week's hearing after he was ordered by the state's highest court to decide whether voters can easily get state-issued identification cards required to vote on Nov. 6. If they cannot, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court ruled, Simpson should block the law from taking effect. The court battle over the law passed last March by the state's Republican-led legislature is being closely watch across the nation as similar fights are waged in Texas and South Carolina. Supporters of the voter ID law say it is aimed at ensuring that only those legally eligible to vote cast ballots. Critics say it is designed to keep minority voters, who typically vote Democratic away from the polls

**9/17/12 - CHICAGO TEACHERS STRIKE - VIVIANA AVILA / CHICAGO, ILLINOIS** - Mayor Rahm Emanuel's appeal to the courts to end a six-day Chicago teachers strike set off a new round of recriminations Monday but did not appear to be leading to a quick resolution of the walkout that has left parents hunting for options for 350,000 students. City attorneys asked a Cook County Circuit Court judge for an injunction Monday morning that would force teachers back into the classroom and end an acrimonious standoff with the nation's third-largest school district. The suit claims that the strike violates state law because it threatens the safety of children and is based on issues other than pay and benefits.

**FOOD CHAIN E-VERIFY - LUIS MEGID / SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA** - California's Mi Pueblo chain, catering to Latinos, was founded by an illegal immigrant. So the company's announcement that it will participate in a worker immigration-status program has spurred anger

**GIRLS WRITE BETTER THAN BOYS** - Girls are better writers than boys! At least that's the word from the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), better known as the Nation's Report Card. The N-A-E-P tested thousands of students in eighth and 12th grades. Students were asked to perform writing tasks in three areas: to persuade, to explain and to convey an experience. On average, female students in the eighth grade scored 160. Their male counterparts scored 140. In the 12th grade female students averaged 157 compared to the males' score of 143. A spokeswoman for the N-A-E-P believes one of the reasons for such big differences in test scores is girls actually like writing better than boys.

**DREAMERS WILL NOT QUALIFY FOR OBAMACARE - LUIS MEGID / SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA** - In dozens of campaign stops, President Barack Obama has trumpeted young undocumented immigrants, known as DREAMers, as the country's future and said he wants to do everything he can to help them. But the latest news surrounding his Affordable Care Act has left many in the Latino community speechless. A decision was made last month to disqualify young undocumented immigrants - many who will be allowed to stay in the United States as part of a new federal policy - from receiving health coverage under the president's sweeping health care reform

**ARIZONA LAW CLEARED BY JUDGE - MARY RABAGO - LIVER 2 MIN** - A judge has ruled that police in Arizona can immediately start enforcing the most contentious section of the state's immigration law,

marking the first time officers can carry out a requirement that officers, while enforcing other laws, question the immigration status of those suspected of being in the country illegally.

PENNSYLVANIA VOTER ID - VO, 22 SECONDS - It's less than two months before the election and Pennsylvania's Voter ID law is still under challenge in the courts. Today, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court ordered a lower court to determine whether voters in Pennsylvania will be able to get ID's - under the Commonwealth's controversial voter ID law - in time for the next election. The Supreme Court order vacates a lower court decision that upheld the voter ID law, and asks the lower court to consider whether the procedures being used for deployment of the [identification] cards comport with the requirement of liberal access

SB 1070 IN EFFECT - MARIA ANTONIETA COLLINS / PHOENIX, ARIZONA - A day after the most contentious provision of Arizona's immigration law took effect, rallies were planned around Phoenix to protest the law that civil rights activists contend will lead to systematic racial profiling. Leticia Ramirez has been telling immigrants who are in the United States illegally, like herself, that they should offer only their name and date of birth -- and carry no documents that show where they were born, if pulled over by police.

NC IMMIGRATION - EDWIN PITTI / ALMANCE, NORTH CAROLINA - PKG 2:14 - A two-year investigation by the U.S. Department of Justice has found that a North Carolina sheriff and his deputies routinely discriminated against Latinos by making unwarranted arrests with the intent of maximizing deportations. In an 11-page report issued Tuesday, the federal agency said Alamance County Sheriff Terry S. Johnson and his deputies violated the constitutional rights of U.S. citizens and legal residents by illegally targeting, stopping, detaining and arresting Latinos without probable cause

FAST AND FURIOUS REPORT - LOURDES MELUZA / WASHINGTON - The Justice Department's internal watchdog on Wednesday faulted the agency for misguided strategies, errors in judgment and management failures during a bungled gun-trafficking probe in Arizona that disregarded public safety and resulted in hundreds of weapons turning up at crime scenes in the U.S. and Mexico. A former head of the department's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and a deputy assistant attorney general in Justice's criminal division in Washington left the department upon the report's release -- the first by retirement, the second by resignation

POLICE ABUSE UNDER SB 1070 - Rallies were held across Phoenix as the most contentious part of Arizona's immigration law went into effect. More than three dozen activists, many chanting. No papers, no fear!" stood outside a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement building along a busy thoroughfare Wednesday evening, days after a court ruled the state could enforce the so-called Show Me Your Papers provision. Civil rights activists claim it will lead to systematic racial profiling.

OBAMA FORUM ON LATINO VOTE - PKG 2:00 - Obama, who ran on a message of changing the partisan tone in Washington, told the Univision audience that he had come to the conclusion that you can't change Washington from the inside. You can only change it from the outside. He went on to say that what he had accomplished since taking office was due to mobilizing the American people to speak out

REACTIONS OF CANDIDATES FORUM ON LATINO VOTE - Both presidential candidates addressed immigration and other issues facing Latino voters this week in Spanish-language forums hosted by Univision this week at the University of Miami. President Barack Obama attempted to excuse a statement from his 2008 campaign in which he promised to reform immigration within his first year in office. His challenger, Mitt Romney, defended his leaked statements about Hispanic voters potentially becoming a problem for the Republican Party and how he'd have a better chance of winning if he were a Latino. After defending their records, the two candidates fielded questions from journalists Jorge Ramos and Maria Elena Salinas as well as audience members regarding issues such as education, unemployment and the drug war in Mexico

DAYWORKERS FEAR LAW SB 1070 - Dayworkers fear deportation after several anti-immigration raids occurred during the week. A fight between around 200 prisoners at an Arizona state prison on Thursday left several inmates and one guard injured and forced a lockdown, authorities said. The brawl involving around 200 Hispanic and African-American inmates erupted at the Santa Rita Unit of the Arizona State Prison Complex in Tucson at around 5:30 p.m., the Arizona Department of Corrections said in a news release

DREAMERS WILL NOT BE ELEGIBLE TO GET LISENCES IN ARIZONA - After conducting a review, the Arizona Department of Transportation has concluded that the state will not issue driver's licenses to undocumented immigrants granted work permits under President Barack Obama's deferred-action program. The decision, confirmed Friday is consistent with Gov. Jan Brewer's Aug. 15 executive order telling state agencies to take steps to make sure undocumented immigrants who receive deferred action on deportation do not get driver's licenses or public benefits. Many other states are grappling with the same issue.

INTERNET ELECTORAL REGISTRATION IN CALIFORNIA - JUAN CARLOS GONZALEZ - Dayworkers fear deportation after several anti-immigration raids occurred during the week. A fight between around 200 prisoners at an Arizona state prison on Thursday left several inmates and one guard injured and forced a lockdown, authorities said. The brawl involving around 200 Hispanic and African-American inmates erupted at the Santa Rita Unit of the Arizona State Prison Complex in Tucson at around 5:30 p.m., the Arizona Department of Corrections said in a news release

MARCH AGAINST RACIAL PROFE DETENTIONS - Organizers of an immigrant rights rally say hundreds of protesters marched to the Maricopa County jail in downtown Phoenix to express their outrage at Arizona's immigration law. Salvador Rez says 300 to 400 people rallied outside the Fourth Avenue Jail on Saturday. Protesters marched from a nearby restaurant, holding signs and chanting. Rez says law enforcement did not interact with them. The protest comes after a federal judge gave police the go-ahead to start enforcing the law's most contentious section. The provision requires police, while enforcing other laws, to question the immigration status of those suspected of being in the country illegally. Rez says some protesters included the first people arrested under the new law who had been released by immigration officials because they were not criminals

POLICE ABUSE IN LOS ANGELES - JUAN CARLOS GONZALEZ - Three violent US law enforcement altercations involving Los Angeles Police officers have revived the persisting debate on the use of force by LA police department (LAPD), posing a challenge to the city's police chief. All three incidents reportedly took place during seemingly routine encounters and strangely turned into aggressive use of force initiated by police officers, <i>The Los Angeles Times</i> reported on Saturday. Several weeks ago, a mobile phone video footage displayed four police officers tackling down a 20-year-old man they claimed was resisting arrest. One LA officer hit him in the face. This week, another videotape surfaced that showed two LAPD officers in the San Fernando Valley slamming a handcuffed woman to the ground before appearing to give one another fist bumps. The female suspect, a nurse who was pulled over for using a mobile phone while driving, suffered large bruises to her face and body.

VOTING RULE CHANGES MAY DETER 10M HISPANICS - LOURDES MELUZA / WASHINGTON, DC - The combined effects of voter roll purges, demands for proof of citizenship and photo identification requirements in several states may hinder at least 10 million Hispanic citizens who seek to vote this fall, civil rights advocates warn in a new report. Hispanic voters are considered pivotal to the presidential election this November, and are being heavily courted by both Democratic incumbent Barack Obama and Republican challenger Mitt Romney. If they turn out in large numbers, Hispanics could sway the outcome in several swing states

BANK ATM FEES UP - VO :19 - A-T-M fees are rising to new levels as banks cut back on free checking accounts. Financial research firm Bankrate says A-T-M surcharges rose four percent... hitting a record high of two dollars and 50 cents. It's the eighth straight year these fees are up. The charge for using another bank's A-T-M rose 11 percent to one dollar and 57 cents

DISCOVER CARD DEBATE - Discover Bank will pay millions in fees to settle accusations by regulators that it pressured credit card customers to buy costly add-on services like payment protection and credit monitoring - Discover, the sixth-biggest U.S. credit card issuer, will pay a \$14 million fine and refund \$200 million directly to more than 3.5 million customers, federal authorities said Monday

NY SCHOOL ANTICONCEPTIVES0-MARIELA SALGADO / NEW YORK-The New York City Department of Education is making the morning-after-pill available to high school girls at 13 public schools. The DOE says girls as young as 14 will be able to get the Plan B emergency contraception without parental consent. Parents have been notified about the CATCH pilot program and how their daughters can opt out of it.

NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY - LOURDES DEL RIO / MIAMI, FLORIDA - Today is the National Voter Registration Day and it's a coordinated effort between community leaders, celebrities, and volunteers to inform people about voting opportunities and get them registered before deadlines. With less than fifty days until the presidential election, civil rights groups are ramping up efforts to increase voter registration, especially in light of recent attempts by some states to restrict voter rights

FAST AND FURIOUS - LOURDES MELUZA. WASHINGTON, DC - The Senate's s top Republican, who began the investigation into the Fast and Furious gunrunning probe nearly two years ago, says it's time those responsible for the botched operation were disciplined. Sen. Chuck Grassley of Iowa, noting this week in

a speech on the Senate floor that Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr. delayed any discipline for the officials responsible for Fast and Furious until after the release of the report by the Justice Department's Office of Inspector General, said the time for accountability has finally come. The report, released last week, blamed the operation's failure on misguided strategies, errors in judgment and management failures by officials at the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives headquarters in Washington and in the Phoenix field office and on questionable judgments by Justice Department officials in Washington

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING - LUIS MEGID. SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA** - New York City has launched a pilot project to test them out. Boston is doing it too. But here in San Francisco, where a growing number of residents are being priced out of the housing market by a revived tech economy, city leaders are considering the smallest micro-units of all. At a minimum 150 square feet of living space - 220 when you add the bathroom, kitchen and closet - the proposed residences are being hailed as a pivotal option for singles. Opponents fear that a wave of shoe box homes would further marginalize families of modest means who are desperate for larger accommodations. On Tuesday, the Board of Supervisors will consider tweaking the city's building code, which requires newly constructed units to be at least 290 square feet

**FREE HEALTHCARE CLINIC AT L.A. SPORTS ARENA DRAWS 4,800 - JAIME GARCIA. LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA** - In addition to receiving medical treatment, patients were enrolled in a free coverage program to prepare for the federal healthcare overhaul that takes effect in 2014. On one side of the Los Angeles Sports Arena on Thursday morning, doctors treated patients for swollen feet, breathing problems and high blood pressure. On the other side, county health workers began enrolling them in a free coverage program in preparation for the federal healthcare overhaul. Many of the 4,800 people seeking care at the annual massive free clinic this weekend will become eligible for health insurance in 2014 when the national law takes effect. Organizers said raising awareness about the healthcare changes is crucial.

**COLLEGE LOAN DEBT** - With college enrollment growing, student debt has stretched to a record number of U.S. households -- nearly 1 in 5 -- with the biggest burdens falling on the young and poor. The analysis by the Pew Research Center found that 22.4 million households, or 19 percent, had college debt in 2010. That is double the share in 1989, and up from 15 percent in 2007, just prior to the recession -- representing the biggest three-year increase in student debt in more than two decades. The increase was driven by higher tuition costs as well as rising college enrollment during the economic downturn. The biggest jumps occurred in households at the two extremes of the income distribution. More well-off families are digging deeper into their pockets to pay for costly private colleges, while lower-income people in search of higher-wage jobs are enrolling in community colleges, public universities and other schools as a way to boost their resumes

**RALLY AND ADVOCACY DAY FOR LEGISLATIVE REFORM OF NYPD - BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ. NEW YORK**  
**PKG 2:00** - Each year, discriminatory policing practices - like the Bloomberg Administration's use of stop-and-frisk, unlawful searches and surveillance of Muslim communities - target hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers based on race, religion, ethnicity, housing status, immigration status, gender identity or

expression and sexual orientation. These and other policing practices and patterns are out of control and the NYPD lacks accountability and oversight

FAST AND FURIOUS - TIFFANI ROBERTS. MIAMI, FLORIDA - PKG 2:00 - Last week, after an 18-month investigation, the Department of Justice's Inspector General (IG), Michael Horowitz, released his 471-page investigative report and findings on Operation Fast & Furious. While many in Washington lined up to claim victory and vindication, the details of the IG's findings present a sobering assessment of a Department of Justice (DOJ) and Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) that suffers from both failures in leadership and communication. It also underscored their unwillingness to work with Congress to discover the truth. The harsh reality of this negligence left a U.S. Border Patrol Agent and Michigan native, Brian Terry, dead and his family left wondering why it happened

DEPORTATIONS NORTH CAROLINA - JORGE VIERA. NORTH CAROLINA - The number of immigrant workers in North Carolina grew by 69.9 percent between 2000 and 2010. Between 2000 and 2010, the number of immigrant, civilian employed workers age 16 and older in North Carolina changed from 244,217 to 414,982, representing a change of 69.9 percent. In comparison, the number of foreign-born workers changed from 65,538 to 244,217 between 1990 and 2000, a difference of 272.6 percent.

SUPREME COURT MAY LIMIT USE OF RACE IN COLLEGE ADMISSIONS- LOURDES MELUZA. WASHINGTON, DC - More than a half-century after the Supreme Court ordered the University of Texas to admit a black man to its law school, the sprawling live-oak-and-limestone campus is again the site of a monumental battle over the use of race in university admissions. But this time the challenge comes from a white woman. Abigail Fisher says the color of her skin cost her a spot in the 2008 freshman class at the university she had longed to attend since she was a child. Under the banner of racial diversity, Fisher contends, the UT admissions process - which considers race as a factor in choosing one-quarter of its students - unfairly favors African Americans and Hispanics at the expense of whites and Asian Americans

SCHOOL LUNCHES - BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ. NEW JERSEY - PKG 2:00 - Kids across the country..don't like the new, healthier, school lunches. They say the new meals...leave them \*hungry.\* It's the parody video that's gone viral angry students staging a lunchroom revolt- now sparking a new debate over those usda school lunch guidelines. These kansas high school students say the new calorie restrictions are leaving them hungry. Rolled out this fall. Under the old rules...high schoolers got a minimum 825 calorie lunch ...now it's between 750-850. So instead of the high sodium and saturated fat treats like&nbsp; french fries and pizza this is what a new school lunch might look like:&nbsp; chicken breast, brown rice, and veggies

VIRTUAL TUTORING PROGRAM - GALO ARELLANO - MIAMI, FLORIDA - Recognizing that more students are struggling with Algebra, School Tutoring Academy has responded with a new set of Algebra tutoring programs. The new programs offer pre-Algebra tutoring, Algebra 1 tutoring, and Algebra 2 tutoring to help students prepare for state-level examinations and are structured to follow state-specific learning standards. Algebra is a subject that many students struggle with and without the proper tutoring assistance their chances of being able to pass state-level standardized tests are significantly lower. With so much emphasis being placed on Algebra skills, students need a program that will help them grasp the

specific Algebra concepts they struggle with, in order to pass those tests. School Tutoring Academy understands this importance and during the summer they designed additional Algebra curriculum based on state standards. Students seeking Algebra tutoring will first take a customized Algebra assessment to determine their strengths and weaknesses with the subject matter. This assessment is performed with an Algebra specialist trained to pinpoint specific foundational weaknesses and learning gaps. To make sure that the new Algebra programs will be effective, School Tutoring Academy hired additional Algebra tutors to perform diagnostic assessments on students struggling in Algebra. The company also expanded its instructor base, hiring classroom teachers and educators who have a specific academic or teaching experience with Algebra. School Tutoring Academy offers students a choice of Pre-Algebra tutoring, Algebra 1 tutoring, or Algebra 2 tutoring programs so their skill level can be met and increased as they progress. This enables the School Tutoring Academy staff to work individually with the student on the areas they struggle in, rather than spend time on concepts they already understand. School Tutoring Academy also designed a learning system that provides state-specific learning standards to students and tutors on Algebra methods and best practices relevant to their school district. From here students and their School Tutoring Academy tutor can access sample standardized tests with explanations to help them. For more information on these new Algebra programs, and other tutoring programs available through School Tutoring Academy, please visit their website, or call 1-877-452-6669. About School Tutoring Academy. School Tutoring Academy is a premier educational services company providing tutoring programs for kindergarten through 12th grade students as well as college students. Our highly qualified tutors deliver one-on-one, personalized instruction across all subject areas to aid students in understanding the subject matter and building confidence. We offer tutoring programs for students in math (including Algebra, Calculus and Geometry), science (including Biology and Physics) and English language skills. For more information or to schedule a free assessment with an Academic Director, please visit

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